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AUTUMN ARRIVES

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Our Children Matter: Bob and Tillie Burgin with the Grandkids

We want all the children to be okay. Our grandchildren are just a reminder to us that all children deserve to be safe and cared for.

Many of them have no permanent place to live. We see a parent wait in our front room for two or three hours just to see if we might have food or a pair of shoes or a jacket for their child.

Most will do anything to take care of their children. I recently sat on the sidewalk and held the hand of a little girl. She had walked with her mom to the Mission office to shop for some clothes. She was afraid,

and the tears in her eyes brought tears to mine.

I asked her if she would like to have some M & M's. What a smile! We walked hand-in-hand to my office where she saw the bowl of M & M's. She was so excited! We are friends forever!

We need your help. Please keep giving so we can keep reaching out and taking the hands of the children to keep them safe, well and warm!

We would love to hear from you this Holiday season.

HOLIDAY NEEDS

- ◆ **Bags of individually wrapped candy for our Festivals**
- ◆ **Frozen turkeys and other food for families on Thanksgiving Day**
- ◆ **New or nearly new toys for children to receive on Christmas day**

HALLOWEEN



Mission Arlington hosts multiple **Fall Family Festivals** in order to provide a safe and fun alternative event to Halloween.

You can help by bringing bags of individually wrapped candy to Mission Arlington. We will give this candy to Mission Arlington children.

THANKSGIVING



In 2003, 2,500 volunteers helped Mission Arlington deliver meals on Thanksgiving day to 11,000 people.

You can help by volunteering to deliver food on Thanksgiving day. We begin at 9:30 a.m.

You can help by bringing frozen Turkeys to *the Mission* ASAP. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS



Toys are currently needed to help us stock our December "Christmas Store." The Store opens to the public on December 11th and runs through the 23rd.

More than 21,000 people received gifts from the Mission last year. **You can help** us to meet the need again.



BEYOND ARLINGTON: A MULTIPLYING MISSION

In March of 2004 a group of thirty students from Mississippi College came and spent a week with Mission Arlington. They stayed in our Peach Street Church and lead "Rainbow Express" Backyard Bible Clubs in six apartment areas where Mission Arlington has congregations.

God blessed their time here: two hundred eighty-seven different children attended these Rainbow Expresses, and nineteen accepted Christ. The students returned to Mississippi with a passion to continue to minister to people in multi-housing communities.

The first week in October Mission Arlington got a call from Nick Hall, the leader of the team that came at Spring Break. Their group followed God's prompting in their hometown of Clinton, Mississippi. Through a partnership with a local mission church in Clinton, sixty students from Mississippi College are working in multi-housing ministries near the college.

Currently they are ministering in four apartment communities, meeting five days a week for Bible Study and after-school tutoring. The students hope to be in two more communities before the end of the school year.

We thank God for the way He is multiplying *His* mission through groups such as Mississippi College. They caught the vision here in Arlington and are now actively working to reach the unchurched in Clinton, Mississippi.

See www.missionarlington.org for no-cost, reproducible downloads of Bible Study material, training helps, Vacation Bible School curriculum, and other tools. The Lord is using Mission Arlington to reach a nation.

HELPING US THROUGH KROGER & TOM THUMB

These stores will give 1 percent of the total cost of your purchases to Mission Arlington.

A Kroger Share card is available at the *Mission Arlington* offices. Call, and we will send you one. Please note that the *Share* card is different from the *Plus* card. The *Share* card must be presented with each purchase in order to provide support.

Tom Thumb Reward cards are available at Tom Thumb stores. Please give to Tom Thumb *Mission Arlington's* organization number—653—in order to send us support.

PARTNERING TOGETHER TO HELP PEOPLE



Arlington's Sam's Club Partners with Mission Arlington

The Sam's Club, Mission Arlington, and Barbara Stidman from Lake Arlington Baptist Church, have come together to provide Mission Arlington with a daily supply of food to help families served by *the Mission*.



Oct. 2004 Open House for the Allan Saxe Dental Clinic

Father Bauman, a priest from St. Alban's Episcopal Diocese in Arlington, leads a "Service of Blessing" for the Allan Saxe Dental Clinic. More than 200 people, including more than 50 dentists and hygienists, attended.



The Arlington Police Department teach the children

The Arlington Police Department, the Dallas Mavericks and Whataburger partnered this month with Mission Arlington to teach more than 125 of Mission Arlington's students about the importance of **staying in school**. The children received a lot of hugs from the police officers, a good meal, and an assortment of books to take home.